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C. AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

In order to better assist the Examiner with the prosecution of the case, the current pending claims have been included in their entirety for which allowance is requested. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for selectively adjusting a transparency of a displayable object within a user interface using a flashlight tool, said method comprising the steps of:
enabling a flashlight tool;

selecting an operating criteria of said flashlight tool[,] ~~by receiving a user selection~~
criteria for said flashlight tool such that said flashlight tool is effective on at least one
displayable object that meets said user selection criteria; ~~wherein said operating criteria is~~
~~operative on all displayable objects of a user interface~~

positioning said flashlight tool at a location within a user interface by:
setting said flashlight tool to be operative on said at least one displayable
object that meets said user selection criteria;
operating said flashlight tool to locate said at least one displayable object
that meets said user selection criteria; and
positioning said flashlight tool at a location over said at least one
displayable object that meets aid user selection criteria; and
~~, wherein said location is independent of another location of at least one displayable object~~
~~within said user interface;~~

selectively adjusting a transparency level of said at least one displayable object within
said user interface, such that said transparency level of said at least one displayable object is
selectively adjusted according to said operating criteria of said flashlight tool.

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2. (Previously Presented) The method for selectively adjusting a transparency of a displayable object according to claim 1, said step of selecting an operating criteria of said flashlight tool further comprises:

receiving a specified user selection of an n-level within a z-order from among a plurality of displayable objects, as a setting for said flashlight tool such that said flashlight tool setting at said n-level is operative on at least one displayable object within said n-level; and

setting said flashlight tool to be operative on said at least one displayable object within said n-level.

3. (Previously Presented) The method for selectively adjusting a transparency of a displayable object according to claim 1, said step of selecting an operating criteria of said flashlight tool further comprises:

receiving a specified user selection of a flashlight beam for setting said flashlight tool such that said flashlight tool is effective on at least one displayable object within a range of said specified flashlight beam;

receiving a specified user selection for setting the intensity of said flashlight beam;

receiving a specified user selection for setting the shape of said flashlight beam; and

setting said flashlight tool to be operative with said intensity, and with said shape, on said at least one displayable object within said range of said flashlight beam.

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4. (Previously Presented) The method for selectively adjusting a transparency of a displayable object according to claim 3, said method further comprising the step of:

receiving a specified user selection for setting said flashlight beam to effect a varying degree of transparency on said at least one displayable object.

5. (Previously Presented) The method for selectively adjusting a transparency of a displayable object according to claim 1, said step of selecting the operating criteria of said flashlight tool further comprises:

receiving a user selection criteria for said flashlight tool such that said flashlight tool is effective on at least one displayable object that meets said user selection criteria; and

setting said flashlight tool to be operative on said at least one displayable object that meets said user selection criteria.

6. (Previously Presented) The method for selectively adjusting a transparency of a displayable object according to claim 1, said step of selectively adjusting a transparency level further comprises:

adjusting a transparency level of said at least one displayable object within said user interface in response to moving said flashlight tool across said user interface.

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8. (Original) The method for selectively adjusting a transparency of a displayable object according to claim 1, said step of selectively adjusting a transparency level, further comprising the step of:

selectively adjusting a transparency level of said at least one displayable object according to a transparency designated for a flashlight tool positioned to selectively adjust said transparency level of said at least one displayable object.

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9. (Currently Amended) A system for selectively adjusting a transparency of a displayable object within a user interface using a flashlight tool, said system comprising:

a graphical user interface;

means for enabling a flashlight tool;

means for selecting an operating criteria of said flashlight tool[,]by receiving a user selection criteria for said flashlight tool such that said flashlight tool is effective on at least one displayable object that meets said user selection criteria; wherein said operating criteria is-
~~operative on all displayable objects of a user interface~~

means for positioning said flashlight tool at a location within a user interface by:

setting said flashlight tool to be operative on said at least one displayable object that meets said user selection criteria;

operating said flashlight tool to locate said at least one displayable object that meets said user selection criteria; and

positioning said flashlight tool at a location over said at least one displayable object that meets aid user selection criteria; and

~~wherein said location is independent of another location of at least one displayable object within said user interface;~~

means for selectively adjusting a transparency level of said at least one displayable object within said user interface, such that said transparency level of said at least one displayable object is selectively adjusted according to said operating criteria of said flashlight tool.

10. (Previously Presented) The system for selectively adjusting a transparency of a displayable object according to claim 9, said means for selecting the operating criteria of said flashlight tool further comprising:
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means for receiving a specified user selection of an n-level within a z-order from among a plurality of displayable objects, as a setting for said flashlight tool such that said flashlight tool setting at said n-level is operative on at least one displayable object within said n-level; and

means for setting said flashlight tool to be operative on said at least one displayable objects within said n-level.

11. (Previously Presented) The system for selectively adjusting a transparency of a displayable object according to claim 9, said means for selecting the operating criteria of said flashlight tool further comprising:

means for receiving a specified user selection of said flashlight beam for setting said flashlight tool such that said flashlight tool is effective on at least one displayable object within a range of said specified flashlight beam;

means for receiving a specified user selection for setting the intensity of said flashlight beam;

means for receiving a specified user selection for setting the shape of said flashlight beam; and

means for setting said flashlight tool to be operative with said intensity, and with said shape, on said at least one displayable object within said range of said flashlight beam.

12. (Previously Presented) The system for selectively adjusting a transparency of a displayable object according to claim 11, further comprising:

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means for receiving a specified user selection for setting said flashlight beam to effect a varying transparency of said at least one displayable object.

13. (Previously Presented) The system for selectively adjusting a transparency of a displayable object according to claim 9, said system further comprising:

means for receiving a user selection criteria for said flashlight tool such that said flashlight tool is effective on at least one displayable object that meets said user selection criteria; and

means for setting said flashlight tool to be operative on said at least one displayable object that meets said user selection criteria.

14. (Previously Presented) The system for selectively adjusting a transparency of a displayable object according to claim 9, said means for selectively adjusting a transparency level further comprising:

means for adjusting a transparency level of said at least one displayable object within said user interface in response to moving said flashlight tool across said user interface.

15. (Canceled)

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16. (Original) The system for selectively adjusting a transparency of a displayable object according to claim 9, said means for selectively adjusting a transparency level further comprising:

means for selectively adjusting a transparency level of said at least one displayable object according to a transparency designated for a flashlight tool positioned to selectively adjust said transparency level of said at least one displayable object.

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17. (Currently Amended) A program for selectively adjusting a transparency of a displayable object within a user interface using a flashlight tool, residing on a tangible computer usable medium having computer readable program code means, said program comprising:

means for enabling a flashlight tool;

means for selecting an operating criteria of said flashlight tool [,] by receiving a user selection criteria for said flashlight tool such that said flashlight tool is effective on at least one displayable object that meets said user selection criteria; wherein said operating criteria is operative on all displayable objects of a user interface

means for positioning said flashlight tool at a location within a user interface by:

setting said flashlight tool to be operative on said at least one displayable object that meets said user selection criteria;

operating said flashlight tool to locate said at least one displayable object that meets said user selection criteria; and

positioning said flashlight tool at a location over said at least one displayable object that meets said user selection criteria; and

~~wherein said location is independent of another location of at least one displayable object within said user interface;~~

means for controlling a transparency level of said at least one displayable object within said user interface, such that said transparency level of said at least one displayable object is selectively adjusted according to said operating criteria of said flashlight tool.

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18. (Previously Presented) The program for selectively adjusting a transparency of a displayable object according to claim 17, said program further comprising:

means for receiving a specified user selection of an n-level within a z-order from among said plurality of displayable objects as a setting for said flashlight tool such that said flashlight tool setting at said n-level is operative on at least one displayable object within said n-level; and

means for setting said flashlight tool to be operative on said at least one displayable object within said n-level.

19. (Previously Presented) The program for selectively adjusting a transparency of a displayable object according to claim 17, said program further comprising:

means for receiving a specified user selection of a flashlight beam for setting said flashlight tool such that said flashlight tool is effective on at least one displayable object within a range of said specified flashlight beam;

means for receiving a specified user selection for setting the intensity of said flashlight beam;

means for receiving a specified user selection for setting the shape of said flashlight beam; and

means for setting said flashlight tool to be operative with said intensity, and with said shape, on said at least one displayable object within said range of said flashlight beam.

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20. (Previously Presented) The program for selectively adjusting a transparency of a displayable object according to claim 19, said program further comprising:

means for receiving a user selection criteria for said flashlight tool such that said flashlight tool is effective on said at least one displayable object that meets said user selection criteria; and

means for setting said flashlight tool to be operative on said at least one displayable object that meet said user selection criteria.

21. (Previously Presented) The program for selectively adjusting a transparency of a displayable object according to claim 17, said program further comprising:

means for adjusting a transparency level of said at least one displayable object within said user interface in response to moving said flashlight tool across said user interface.

22. (Canceled)

23. (Original) The program for selectively adjusting a transparency of a displayable object according to claim 17, said program further comprising:

means for controlling a transparency level of said at least one displayable object according to a transparency designated for a flashlight tool positioned to selectively adjust said transparency level of said at least one displayable object.

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